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Hongkong, November 20, 1899. 2518

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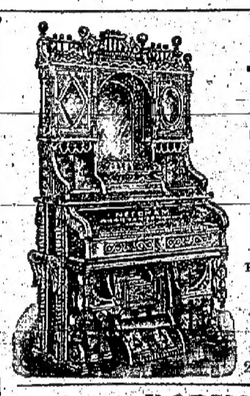

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Hongkong, November 20, 1899. 2517

Intimations.

OUR GREATEST -- LIVING SOLDIERS. -

By Charles Lowe, M.A.

On SATURDAY NEXT, November 25 will be published

General Sir REDVERS BULLER,

V. C., G.C.B., K.C.M.G., &c.

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

(NEW COMPANY).

(QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, HONGKONG).

NOTICE.

From Official Liquidator of the CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LTD., IN LIQUIDATION.

UNDER the Terms of a Scheme of Reconstruction sanctioned by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hongkong on the 21st day of October, 1899, an Agreement of Reconstruction has been entered into by me, the Official Liquidator of the CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, in LIQUIDATION, (hereinafter called the 'Old Company') with a new Company registered on the 1st day of November, 1899, called 'The China Borneo Company, Limited' (hereinafter called the 'New Company'). The agreement is dated the 23rd day of October, 1899, and can be seen at Office of the Registrar of Companies, Hongkong, where it is filed. The nominal capital of the New Company is $150,000, divided into 7,500 Shares of Twenty Dollars each.

Each holder of a Share or Shares in the old Company (on each of which $55 has been credited as paid up) is entitled, on payment of $5 per Share and delivering up the scrip for his Share or Shares in the Old Company, to a Share or Shares in the New Company on which $15 will be deemed to have been paid up in respect of the $20 face value of such Share. The remaining $5 to remain to be called up at such time, as the Consulting Committee may think fit.

Each holder of fully paid up shares in the Old Company is entitled, on delivering up the scrip for his fully paid up shares in the Old Company, to an equal number of fully paid up shares in the New Company.

Written notice of dissent from the proposed scheme of reconstruction must be lodged with me at the above address within twenty-one days from the date of this Notice.

Application by Shareholders in the Old Company must be made within twenty-one days from the date of this notice.

Forms of application by shareholders in the Old Company can be obtained from me the undersigned.

J. WHEELEY, *Official Liquidator of the* CHINA BORNEO CO., LTD., *in Liquidation*

Hongkong, November 9, 1899. 2142

To-day's Advertisements

V. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

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Hongkong, November 24, 1899. 2541

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Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Australian (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Dec. 8, at 4 p.m.
Australian Ports	Chingtu (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 20, at noon.
Baltimore & N. York	Reuce	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	Quick despatch.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Konig Albert (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Dec. 13, at noon.
Havre and Hamburg	Bamberg (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	December 3.
Havre and Hamburg	Konigsberg (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Dec. 10.
Havre and Hamburg	Ambria (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Jan. 2
Havre and Hamburg	Sarnia (s)	Carlowitz & Co	About Jan. 10.
London v. Suez Canal	Machaon (s)	Butterfield and Swire.	November 28.
London v. Suez Canal	Idomeneus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 12.
London & Ports of Call	Bengal (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Nov. 25, at noon.
London	Malacca (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Nov. 30.
London	Japan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co	About Dec. 14.
Manila	Chingtu (s)	Butterfield and Swire.	Dec. 20, at noon.
Manila	Yuensang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Nov. 27, at noon.
Manila via Amoy	Esmeralda (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Nov. 29, at 5 p.m.
Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	Nanchang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	November 29.
M'lles, H're & H'burg	Silesia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Jan. 20.
Marseilles, London, &c.	Sanuki Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 1, at noon.
N'saki, Kobe & Y'ma.	Futami Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Nov. 25, at 4 p.m.
New York	Adolph Obrig	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	Quick despatch.
New York v. Suez Canal	Afghanistan (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ltd	Quick despatch.
New York v. Suez Canal	Asama (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Dec. 20.
Philadelphia & N. York	St. Mark	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
Portland, Oregon	Monmouthshire (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	Dec 23, at noon.
San Diego v. Japan.	Lady Joicey (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 2.
S. Francisco v. Japan.	Gaelic (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Nov. 30, at noon.
S. Francisco v. Japan.	China (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co	Dec. 16, at noon.
S. Francisco v. Japan.	Hongkong Maru (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Dec. 9, at noon.
Shanghai	Ningpo (s)	Butterfield & Swire	November 25.
Shanghai	Whampoa (s)	Butterfield & Swire	November 26.
Shanghai	Coromandel (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Nov. 25.
Shimonoseki and Kobe	Chingtu (s)	Butterfield & Swire	November 27.
S'pore, C'ombo & B'bay	Miike Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Nov. 28, at noon.
S'tow, Amoy, & F'chow	Haicheng (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co	Nov. 26, daylight.
Swatow, Amoy & T'sui	Hailoong (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Nov. 26, daylight.
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Tacoma (Wash.) &c.	City of London (s)	Dodwell & Co., Limited	Nov. 25, at noon.
Vancouver (B.C.) &c	Empress of Japan (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Dec. 20, at noon.

To-day's Advertisements

PATRIOTIC FUND.

THE GOVERNOR invites the BRITISH SUBJECTS in HONGKONG to MEET him on the CITY HALL, at 12 o'clock Noon, on MONDAY, the 27th Instant, to consider means for the collection and transmission of SUBSCRIPTIONS in Aid of the PATRIOTIC FUND, for the WIDOWS and ORPHANS of our SAILORS and SOLDIERS, who have given their lives for their Country in the Transvaal War, and on behalf of Wives and Families, not otherwise provided for, of those men who have gone on active service in South Africa.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, Hongkong, Nov. 24, 1899. 2546

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

PEARSON CUP AND SPOONS.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 25th Inst., at 2.45 p.m.

RANGES: 200, 500 and 600 Yards.

The 200 Yards Range will Close at 3.15 p.m.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, *Hon. Secretary.*

Hongkong, November 24, 1899. 2543

ZETLAND LODGE, *No. 525, E.C.*

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 1st December, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED to attend.

Hongkong, November 24, 1899. 2542

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Hongkong, November 24, 1899. 2544

THE GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

RECONSTRUCTION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

ALL SHAREHOLDERS in the Old Company must apply for SHARES in the New Company on or before the 15th day of December, 1899.

Forms of Application can be obtained from the undersigned.

Dated, the 23rd day of November, 1899.

LÜTGENS, EINSTMANN & Co., *General Agents.*

9, Praya Central, Hongkong. 2539

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA *VIA* AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship ESMERALDA, Captain COBBAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 29th Inst., at 5 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., *General Managers.*

Hongkong, November 24, 1899. 2540

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THE Company's Steamship TANTALUS, Captain BARTLETT, will be despatched on or about FRIDAY, the 15th December, taking Cargo to LIVERPOOL, at LONDON rates.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, November 24, 1899. 2545

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

November 23.

Khalif, British steamer, 2,219, A. S. Nash, Batoum Oct. 15, Case Oil.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

November 24.

Kwangtse, Chinese str., from Canton.

Haicheng, British steamer, 1,937, W. Davis, Foochow Nov. 21, Amoy 22, and Swatow 23, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.

Prosper, Norwegian str., 789, E. Torstensen, Newchwang Nov. 17, Beans and General.—GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Biggle, German str., 771, Chr. Brekke, Chefoo Nov. 18, Beans and General.—SANDER, WIELER & Co.

Hué, French steamer, 704, P. Merlus, Haiphong Nov. 23, General.—A. R. MARTY.

Shansi, British str., 1,250, Carnaghan, Tientsin Nov. 16, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Haitoong, British steamer, 783, A. J. Robson, Tamsui and Amoy Nov. 23, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.

DEPARTURES.

November 24.

Cheang Chow, for Amoy.
St. James, for New York.
Wongkoi, for Bangkok.
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PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Haicheng*, from Coast Ports, Mr and Mrs Werfield, Mr and Mrs Yulauf and child, Mr A. H. Ellis, Mr J. Brown, Rev. J. B. Walker, Rev. Duville, Messrs Noval, E. H. Sharp, Kwong Sea Tak, Sun Bin, Soon, Slice Ping Keong, and 345 Chinese.

Per *Haitoong*, from Tamsui, &c., Mr Ortiz, and 10 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Khalif* reports: Strong N.E'ly gale, with high sea in the China Sea. Put in for bunker coal.

The British steamer *Haicheng* reports: Foochow to Swatow, strong monsoons and high sea; Swatow to Hongkong, moderate to fresh breeze, fine and clear, sea moderate. Strs. in Amoy: *Amoy*, *Newchwang*, and *Kashing*. Steamers in Swatow: *Foochow*, *Pooting*, *Woosung*, *Phranang* and *Kwangse*.

The British steamer *Haitoong* reports: Tamsui to Amoy, strong N.E. gale and high sea, fine clear weather; Amoy to Breaker Point, fresh N.E. wind and rough sea; Breaker Point to port, moderate N.N.E. wind and sea, fine clear weather throughout. Strs. in Amoy: *Formosa*, *Charterhouse*, *Yungching*, *Amoy*, barques *Elizabeth* and *Lucia*, Italian cruiser *Carlo Alberto*, and 1 Japanese cruiser.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For HAIPHONG.—
Per *Hongkong*, at 8 a.m., on Saturday, the 25th November.

For MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA.—
Per *City of London*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 25th November.

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.—
Per *Haitoong*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 25th November.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Ningpo*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 25th November.
Per *Whampoa*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 26th November.

For SINGAPORE.—
Per *Propontis*, at 1 p.m., on Saturday, the 25th November.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
Per *Rohilla*, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, the 25th November.
Per *Futami Maru*, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, the 25th November.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
Per *Haicheng*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 25th November.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—The British Contract Packet *Bengal* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 25th November, with Mails for the United Kingdom, the Continent of Europe, and countries beyond, *via Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

Circulars at 8 a.m.
Registration at 10 a.m.
Registration, with late fee of 10 cents up to 10.45 a.m.
Papers at 10.30 a.m.
Letters at 11 a.m.
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents).

Temperature.

(*Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.*)

HONGKONG, November 24, 1899.

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.	30.19
Do.	1 P.M.	30.13
Do.	4 P.M.	30.10
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M.	64
Do.	1 P.M.	67
Do.	4 P.M.	66
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	54
Do. Do.	1 P.M.	57
Do. Do.	4 P.M.	57
Do. Maximum		67
Do. Minimum	near night	52

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—English Mail steamer leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Noon.—*City of London* leaves for Tacoma, &c.

4 p.m.—*Futami Maru* leaves for Y'ma.

Auctions.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Collection of Chinese Curios, &c., by Mr. G. P. Lammert.

Miscellaneous.

2.45 p.m.—Cup and Spoons Competition of Hongkong Rifle Association.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, November 27:—
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Eothen Mark Lodge.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Preceptory.

TUESDAY, November 28:—
11 a.m.—Auction of Sundries at H.M.'s Ordnance Stores, Queen's Road East.
Interim Dividend of 5 per cent on Shares of the A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., payable.
Goods per *Oceanien* unclaimed after Noon, subject to rent.

THURSDAY, November 30:—
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Diligentia Lodge.

FRIDAY, December 1:—
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

THURSDAY, December 7:—
3 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Leasehold Property, at Premises No. 26, Cochrane Street, by Mr. G. P. Lammert.

Opium Quotations.

HONGKONG, November 21, 1899.

New Patna, cash	882½
Old Patna, cash,	—
New Benares, cash,	850
Old Benares, cash,	—
New Malwa, credit,	890,900
Allowance, Taels,	none.
Last Year,	910,20
Allowance, Taels,	—
Old Malwa credit,	910/20
Allowance, Taels,	—
Persian, Oily, cash,	—
Allowance Taels,	—
Persian, Paper tied, long cakes	820
Allowance, Taels,	—
Persian, Papertied, short cakes	660

Exchange.

HONGKONG, November 24, 1899.

On London—	
Bank, Wire,	1/11 7/8
On demand,	1/11 1/2
30 days' sight,	1/11 3/8
4 months' sight,	1/11 1/8
Credits, 4	2/0
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	2/0 1/8
On Paris—	
On demand,	2.47
Credits, 4 months' sight,	2.52
On Berlin—Demand,	2.00
On New York—	
On demand,	47 3/8
Credits, 60 days' sight,	48 1/4
On Bombay—	
Wire,	145
On demand,	145 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire,	145
On demand,	145 1/2
On Singapore—	
On demand,	1/8% pm.
On Manila—	
On demand,	2% pm.
On Shanghai—	
On demand,	72 1/2
30 days' sight, (private paper)	72 1/4
On Yokohama—	
On demand,	4 1/2% pm.
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)	$52.80
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$10.18
Silver (per oz.)	27 3/16 d.

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BIRTH.

On the 19th November, at 50, Rifle Range Road, Shanghai, the Wife of ARTHUR R. LEAKE, of twins (boys.)

MARRIAGE.

At the British Consulate and afterwards at the St. Joseph's Church, Shanghai, CHARLES PARSONS, of South Lambeth, London, to ALICE, youngest daughter of the late Henry McCleery Blow, Tientsin.

DEATH.

At No. 6, Seward Road, Shanghai, on the 19th Nov., THOMAS DRIGHTON; aged 57 years.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

IT is hereby Notified that from the 1st of January next, the Subscription to the *CHINA MAIL* will be $30 per annum, instead of $28; and $7.50 per quarter instead of $7.

BAIN & REID, *Proprietors*

☞ *The publication of this issue commenced at 5.15 p.m.*

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1899.

Editorial Comment.

PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY.

We have so often taken exception to the treatment of Hongkong by the Permanent Officials of the Colonial Office, that it seems to be almost a waste of time to do so again. Were the community of Hongkong a band of school-boys who ran up heavy bills at the 'tuck-shop,' the immense interest taken by our so-called guardians of the Colonial Office, to prevent us spending our own money, could not be keener than it is. This grievance against the Home Authorities has, as we have said, been felt for years most keenly by all residents who have a stake in the Colony; and at last the Unofficial Members of the Council have banded together for once to represent the feeling of the community on the subject. Their memorandum is a fair and moderately-worded document, but as it did not go quite far enough for Mr Whitehead, the member for the Chamber of Commerce did not sign it, and proceeded to fight single-handed. The Home authorities are so determined that the Colony shall remain solvent that they have laid down a rule to the effect that no new public work shall be undertaken until a surplus of $100,000 is actually in hand; and another rule, apparently, that no more loans were to be permitted. By business men of the Hongkong type, such molly-coddling administration is looked upon with contempt and indignation. Here we have a fairly large surplus actual and prospective, and yet really necessary Public Works are 'instructions' from Home. From the Governor's own statement it is quite clear that this Colony is being governed more than ever by the Permanent Officials at Downing Street. It will soon be almost superfluous to maintain the semblance of a Queen's Representative in the Colony. It is to the credit of Governor Blake that he has so freely expressed his approval of nearly everything contained in the Unofficials' Memorandum; but Sir Henry, evidently under instructions, is unable to act upon the recommendations made therein, and falls back upon the unsatisfactory expedient of supplementary votes. There is one thing, however, in which the Governor agrees with the Secretary of State, and that is the refusal to grant leave to raise a loan for developing the New Territory. This is to be regretted, as it emphasizes the fact that His Excellency is the only resident in the Colony who holds that opinion. The consensus of opinion here is that it was bad enough to saddle the Colony with all the expense of developing the New Territory, at the expense of our urgently-needed public works. But it is infinitely worse when our taskmasters at Home debar us, like so many naughty children, from passing on some of the burden to future residents by raising a loan. Surely Hongkong as a Colony is singled out as an object of specially severe treatment; and, as we have said, it is to be regretted that the Governor sides with the Colonial Office against the whole of his Unofficial advisers in the Council, and the solid opinion of this community. It will be interesting to note how little will be the effect produced on the Permanent Officials at Home by the Memorandum of the Unofficial Members of Council, minus the approval of the Governor. It is to be hoped, however, that some respect will be shown to the urgent demands now made for the speedy commencement of our much-needed Public Works.

Funeral of a Volunteer.

Yesterday afternoon the funeral took place at the Happy Valley of Private G. C. Booth, of 'D' Infantry Company of the Volunteer Corps. Deceased was about twenty-five years of age, and had been in the Colony only about a year. He was born in Holland, but was a naturalized British subject, having resided for years in London. He was at one time in the employ of Messrs Blackhead and Co., and on November 1 entered the employ of Messrs Carmichael & Co. as bookkeeper. About ten days ago the deceased complained of illness, and on Saturday he went to the Peak Hospital for treatment. It was discovered that he was suffering from typhoid fever. He gradually sank, and at twenty minutes past eight yesterday morning expired. The funeral was attended by Major Chapman, Captain Forbes and officers and men from the different units of the Corps.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD:—*Ayr*, Oct. 10; *Moravia*, 13; *Arab*, *Avola*, *Queen Cristina*, 17; *Telena*, 20; *Asiana*, 24; *Benalder*, *Glenartney*, *Trieste*, *Kirklee*, *Normanhill*, 27; *Burma*, 31; *Ernest Simons*, *Nuremberg*, *Strathgyle*, Nov. 3; *Glenlochy*, *Macduff*, *Otto*, *Kostroma*, *Eleanor*, 7; *Siam*, *Tosa Maru*, 10; *Wittenburg*, *Bombay*, *Whitehall*, 14; *Glenfarg*, *Bengloe*, *Silesia*, *Dardanus*, *drani*, 20; *Canton*, 24; *Pingueu*, Nov. 10; *Laos*, 14; *Annium*, *Colchas*, 17; *Antenor*, *Preussen*, *Bedouin*, *Bergenhus*, *Telemachus*, 21.

HOMEWARD:—*Menelaus*, *Hitachi Maru*, October 3; *Preussen*, 6; *Formosa*, *Wakasa Maru*, 10; *Indus*, *Stentor*, 17; *Tamba Maru*, 21.

Mails.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Coromandel*, with the ENGLISH MAIL of 27th October, left Singapore on Saturday, the 18th Nov., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 24th November. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on September 23rd.

The T. K. K. s.s. *Hongkong Maru*, with the AMERICAN MAIL, will leave Yokohama on Tuesday, the 21st November at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 29th Nov.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *China*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 9th Nov.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver on Saturday, the 11th Nov. for Hongkong, via the usual Ports of Call.

The Imp. German Mail s.s. *Prinz Heinrich*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 30th October, left Colombo on Friday morning, the 17th November, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 28th Nov.

Steamers Expected.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Socotra* left Singapore for this port on the 22nd Nov. at 10 a.m.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Kamakura Maru* left Singapore for this port on the 17th November, and is expected to arrive here on the 23rd Nov.

The N. G. L. s.s. *Bisagio* left Singapore for this port on the 16th Nov., and is due here on or about the 23rd Nov.

The s.s. *Chelydra*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Friday, the 17th November, at 5 p.m.

The H. A. L. steamer *Ambria*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 18th November, and may be expected here on or about the 24th Nov.

The O. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Ulysses* left Singapore on the afternoon of the 20th Nov., and is due here on 25th Nov.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Miike Maru* left Shimonoseki for this port on the 21st Nov., and is expected to arrive here on the 28th Nov.

The H. A. L. steamer *Sarnia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 22nd Nov., and may be expected here on or about the 28th Nov.

The Cal. & O. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Lady Joicey* will leave Japan about 20th Nov., for Hongkong.

The s.s. *Afrida*, from New York, for China and Japan, left Singapore for Manila and Hongkong on the 21st Nov.

The s.s. *Singkang* arrived at Manila on the 21st Nov., and will leave for Hongkong on the 25th Nov.

The s.s. *Taiyuan* left Sydney, for Manila and Hongkong, via usual Colonial Ports, on 21st Nov.

The s.s. *Bicrtor* left New York on the 24th Oct., via Suez, for Hongkong, China and Japan ports.

The s.s. *St. Regulus* left New York for the Straits, China and Japan on the 11th Nov.

The N. P. Co.'s s.s. *Saint Irene* sailed from Tacoma, for Japan and Hongkong, on the 21st Nov.

Latest Advices.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Sanuki Maru* left Kobe, via Moji for this port, on the 22nd Nov., and is expected to arrive here on the 28th Nov.

The s.s. *Benalder*, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore on the 2nd Nov., for this port.

Impure Water.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board to-day an order was made to close a well at No. 4 Queen's Road Central, a sample of water from which had been certified by Mr F. Browne, Government Analyst, to be so tainted with impurities as to be unfit for potable purposes and likely to prove injurious to health.

Chinese Raids on the Tonkin Frontier.

L'Avenir du Tonkin states that the Chinese soldiers on the frontier continue their predatory raids. Recently, at Pak-ly, they made a descent upon a gaming-house, killed three persons, wounded several others and regained their camp in safety. Some time later, about a dozen men invaded the house of the caretaker of the French school at Tong-hing, at nightfall, just as the people were sitting down to their evening meal. Seizing a stick, the Chinaman defended himself valiantly, until a patrol came up, when the band of desperadoes quickly disappeared. Next morning, the mandarin of Tong-hing had the caretaker arrested and cast into prison, where he was kept incarcerated for twenty days! Then he was taken before the mandarin, who reprimanded him severely for daring to strike a soldier in uniform, and bade him thank his stars that he had no indemnity to pay! This strikes our French neighbours, who are authorities on the subjects of justice and humanity, as being a somewhat singular decision in a case where the poor man simply defended himself from the attack of military bandits.

USED BY BRITISH SOLDIERS IN AFRICA.

CAPTAIN C. G. Dennison is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Galiatte. Under date of November 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, which proved myself when troubled with loose bowels, and had given it to my men and in every case it proved most beneficial. For sale by All Dealers. Watkins & Co., General Agents.

Notes by the Way.

M. Doumer, Governor-General of Indo-China, is again on a visit to Tonkin.

The suggestion has been made that a Choral Society should be started at Shanghai.

It is proposed to add ten battle ships and eight cruisers to the German navy by 1912.

Egypt was declared free from plague on the 27th October. The disease has broken out in Brazil.

Satisfactory reports are coming to hand from the agricultural districts of Tonkin, where there has been a good harvest.

Signor Foli, the celebrated basso, is dead. Australian exchanges also announce the death of Florence Marryat, the novelist.

The death rate of the Colony for the week ended 11th November was 24.1 as compared with 19.2 in the corresponding period last year.

Down to the 18th inst., there had been six cases of plague at Kobe within fourteen days. Railway passengers are medically inspected at Hiogo.

Mr L. E. P. Jones has been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court at Shanghai. Mr Jones is a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria (Australia).

A volley firing competition at Shanghai the other day resulted in a win for the German Company, S. V. C., with 119 points; 'A' Company was second with 102; and the Artillery third with 75.

We note that Dr W. M. S. Beede, formerly of the U.S. Consulate, Hongkong, now in practice in Manila, has volunteered his services in surgical cases under the care of the National Red Cross Society in the Philippines.

H. E. Kang Yi, who has been nicknamed the Extortioner, left Shanghai for Peking on the 18th inst. It is reported that he left suddenly for Peking to combat the schemes of Prince Ching and Jung Lu for his discomfiture at headquarters.

The following paragraph in a Tonkin contemporary is worth reproducing in the vernacular:—*Le peuple anglais manifeste plus en plus violemment son désir de la guerre. Les cafés-concerts font leurs cris: 'Let them all come!' Qu'ils viennent tous!*

The German gunboat *Condor*, lying in Table Bay, was dressed in bunting in honour of the British victory at Glencoe. 'Bravo, *Condor*!' A detachment of Lancers has captured the projected South African Dutch federation flag, under which the Boers proposed to unite the South African States.

The Kuonrah Company will arrive in Hongkong by the T. K. K. steamer *Hongkong Maru*, and will give three performances, on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, December 5, 7, and 9. Madame Konerah is a clever thought reader or clairvoyant. Her performance has been very favourably noticed all over the world.

Protestant Missions in China.

At the recent conference of English and American bishops held in Shanghai (says the *N.-C. Daily News*), it was unanimously decided that it would not be advisable for the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, either to ask for, or to accept, a political status in China such as that which has recently been conferred by Imperial edict on Roman Catholic bishops. There were present at this conference Bishop Moule of the Mid-China diocese, Bishop Graves of Shanghai, Bishop Scott of North China, Bishop Corfe of Corea, Bishop Cassels of Western China, and Bishop Hoare of Victoria, Hongkong.

Football.

Yesterday afternoon, a Rugby match took place at the Happy Valley between a Garrison team and the Hongkong Football Club. The game was certainly the best that has taken place during the season. It was most evenly contested. Two or three good spurts were made by the three-quarter line of the Club and the forwards worked well together. The game was a trifle rough and several of the players were damaged. Tomkinson, for the Club, made a capital run and scored a try, which McMurtrie converted into a goal by a very fine kick. The game ended in a win for the Club by one goal to nil. The Club having beaten teams from both the Army and Navy, they should now try conclusions with a team of the combined forces.

NOT A SURPRISE.

IT will not be a surprise to any who are at all familiar with the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, to know that people everywhere take pleasure in relating their experience as to the use of that splendid medicine and of the benefit they have received from its use. For sale by all Druggists. Watkins & Co., General Agents.

Interport Golf.

On the 10th inst., Hongkong played Shanghai at Golf. The representatives of Hongkong were Capt. Montgomerie and Dr Lowson, and of the latter Mr J. Mann and Mr Fortier. On the first round Hongkong were two down, but eventually they won by 2 and 1 to play.

Marriage of Admiral Dewey.

Admiral Dewey was married at New York on November 9 to Mrs Hazer, the widow of the late General Hazer, U.S.A. The wedding was celebrated privately and was not made known to the public until afterwards. Mrs Hazer is about forty-five years of age, and is a Society leader in Washington. It is suggested by the New York papers that Mrs Dewey will probably induce the Admiral to allow himself to be nominated for the Presidentship.

Reward for Life Saving.

At the Magistracy to-day, Mr H. Gompertz, the Acting Police Magistrate, complimented the mistress of the Kum Shing boat which was instrumental in saving the lives of the occupants of a sampan upturned in the harbour on the 22nd November by a junk which proceeded on its voyage without rendering assistance. The Magistrate said the Government was pleased to hear of the behaviour of the people in the Kum Shing boat. There were too many people living in boats who when they saw people in misfortune left them to their fate. He would recompense the woman for her conduct by the payment of $5.

H.M.S. 'Iphigenia.'

The *N.-C. Daily News* of the 20th inst. reports:—H.M.S. *Iphigenia*, on leaving here yesterday forenoon, collided with a native craft in the Lower Reach which attempted to cross her bows, cutting her in two. The man-of-war immediately lowered a boat and picked up the six men who composed the crew. The cruiser has left Shanghai for Hongkong, which is the first stage of her journey home. Many in this place regret that her commission is over, for all ranks attained to a pleasant popularity. Her place in the China Squadron is to be filled by the *Brilliant*, Captain Reynolds.

Football Club.

To-morrow afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play the Royal Engineers' Recreation Club. Kick-off at four o'clock. The following will play for the Club:—G. H. N. Sexton, goal; B. Johnston and C. H. P. Hay, back; H. W. Looker, C. T. Kew, and W. H. Howard, halves; E. J. Liboaud, [illegible], and A. C. R. Green, R.A., forwards.

The Committee of the Hongkong Football Club meet on Monday next to consider a Scheme for the management of the Grand Stand, which, while taking care of the privileges of members, provides facilities for entrance to non-members.

Plague in Tonkin.

It may be remembered that in the month of June, 1898, several cases of plague appeared among the fisher population of the village of Nhatrang, in Tonkin. M. Yersin, one of the discoverers of the plague bacilli in Hongkong in 1894, has his laboratory at Nhatrang, and it is alleged that some of his experimental bacilli had got astray and so infected the poor people of the village. In the annual report of the bacteriological institute, M. Yersin writes that it is absolutely impossible that the infection came from the institute, for had there been any imprudence during the experiments there would have been deaths among the members of the staff as there was in Vienna recently. As a matter of fact, there had been no deaths among the staff at Nhatrang—European or native. He asserts that the plague must have been imported by junk from some other place, possibly from Canton or Hainan. In Tonkin they had been able to check the spread of the disease more effectually than elsewhere, *thanks to the destruction by fire of the contaminated houses* and the adjacent houses. (The italics are M. Yersin's. It will be remembered that in the epidemic of 1894 in Hongkong we advocated the destruction of the infected area by fire; but other counsels prevailed in spite of the support given by the Sanitary Board to the fire purification arguments.) Among the Annamites, the percentage of deaths was only 73 per cent. of the total cases as against 90 per cent. in China and India. The difference between the two percentages was due to the treatment of the Tonkin cases by serum, and the cure of a certain number of cases. In one batch of 33 persons treated there were 19 cured and 14 deaths; in another batch of 39 none were treated and all died. These statistics confirm M. Yersin's results obtained in China in 1896 in regard to his curative serum. That the mortality is so high as it is he attributes to the non-resisting powers of the Annamite native, who is usually as good as dead so soon as he is attacked by a serious malady. Native doctors pretended that they could cure plague, whereas, as a matter of fact, their prescriptions were absolutely useless. Superstition was an important factor in the efforts to introduce Western sanitary measures among the natives. M. Yersin advises the Government not to relax its efforts to prevent the planting of the disease in Indo-China, and points to the difficulties the British authorities are encountering in their attempt to check the plague ravages in India.

Football Fixture.

There will be a football match (Association) between the Hongkong Engineers F.C. and "C" Company, R.W.F., at Causeway Bay, on Saturday, the 25th inst. Kick-off at 4.15 p.m. prompt. The following will play for the Engineers:—Goal, Baldwin; Backs, J. Henderson and Dyer; Half-Backs, Ritchie, Wilson, and Tuchy; Forwards, Lapeley, R. Henderson, Galt, Smillie, and Duncan.

Our Special Telegrams.

We note that the *Shanghai Mercury*, in its issue of the 18th inst., states that our special telegram of the 9th inst. was 'extracted from the Ceylon papers when they arrived in Hongkong.' We do not for a moment suppose that our contemporary meant to impute what its words allege, but, in the heat of an unseemly controversy with a Shanghai contemporary, has been led to commit an egregious and unpardonable blunder. On second thoughts, we are sure that the *Mercury*—which has hitherto been distinguished for its high journalistic tone and unquestionable fairness—will see the absurdity of its allegation, and will make the *amende honorable*.

The Tung Wa Hospital.

The following is the programme of proceedings in connection with the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Tung Wa Hospital Extension to-morrow afternoon, commencing at three o'clock:—Address by the Chairman, Tung Wa Hospital Directors; laying of foundation stone by H.E. Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G.; address by His Excellency; presentation to Lady Blake of commemorative scroll from the Hospital Committee. At the conclusion of the presentation, ladies and gentlemen are requested to kindly proceed to the Reception Hall in the Tung Wa Hospital for refreshment provided for visitors.

Patriotic Fund.

We congratulate all British residents upon the action of H. E. the Governor, who has called a public meeting for Monday next, at noon, in order to organise a general subscription in aid of the Patriotic Fund opened by Sir Thomas Jackson. The desire of every British resident in Hongkong is, we know, to contribute to such a fund, and it is a great pleasure to us to note that the larger fund will now be introduced under the personal influence of the Queen's Representative, as we suggested some time since. We note the Mansion House Fund has been manfully backed up in London, but every dollar or shilling will be needed ere the war is closed.

sum of $154 from the 'Taikoo' Refinery Staff for the 'Missus and Kids' Fund. Details to-morrow.

Shire List.

The following alterations to our share list are noted after the hour of correction:—Banks, 349 % prem.=$561.25, sellers; National Bank, $29, buyers; Straits, $2, sellers; Union, $242; China Fire, $87, buyers; Docks, 525 % prem.=$781.25, buyers; Douglas, $47, sellers; Steamboat, $20½, buyers; China Mutual, £9¾, £8, buyers, and (new issue), £4.10, buyers; Star, 21⅛ cum call, buyers; China Sugars, $120; Luzon, $47, sales; Kowloon Wharf, $86; H.K. Land, $110, buyers; Humphreys' 39½, sellers; Jelahu, $10½; Punjom, $8.75, and Preference $140; Queen's, 40 cents, sellers; Rauh, $62, sellers; Olivers, B $6.60, buyers; Hongkong Hotel, $122; A. S. Watson, $16½, sellers; Green Island, $28, sellers; Dairy Farm, $5, buyers; Rope, $192, buyers; Ewo Cotton, Tls. 265; International Cotton, $65; Lacon-Kung-Mow Cotton, Tls. 72, sellers; Soy Chee Cotton, Tls. 375, and China Provident Loan, $9½.

A Sick Consul.

The Wenchow correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News* wrote on the 8th inst.:—Mr E. L. B. Allen, who has been H.M. Consul here for the last half-year, leaves for your port by this trip of the *Pungshan en route* for England. His stay here has been short, we could have wished it longer, for we lose a man of his business capacity with regret. He has put in his full term of service and is reasonably entitled to apply for retirement. We trust his health will speedily be restored, and should he see his way to return he will be nowhere more welcome than in Wenchow. We have not been able to find him any tigers to shoot, but with the skins he already possesses he may fairly be considered one of the most successful sportsmen in China. He goes away with the best wishes of this community. Mr Carvill has already taken over charge.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 24th at 11.45 a. The barometer has risen a little in the Phillipines, fallen slightly elsewhere. The high pressure area remains central over Mid China. Gradients moderate on the coast, rather steep with very strong monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Moderate N. winds; fine.

OLD Gentleman (to convict): What is the most objectionable feature you find in prison life, my dear friend? Convict: Visitors.

'WHY do you make such a row about that umbrella you lost? Haven't you ever lost an umbrella before?' 'Yes, but this one was mine.'

'TIGHTS, do you know anything about literature?' 'No. Know anything about art? Nothing. Know anything about music?' 'Not a rap. Good! Come over to my room, pick out a pipe, and let's enjoy ourselves.'

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

'CHINA MAIL'S' SPECIAL SERVICE.

THE WAR.

THE RELIEF OF KIMBERLEY.

DESPERATE BATTLE AT BELMONT.

ANOTHER BRITISH VICTORY.

HEAVY LOSSES.

BOERS CAPTURED: AMMUNITION DESTROYED.

BELEAGUERED CITIES HOLDING OUT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, November 24, 3.30 a.m.

A desperate battle has been fought by the column advancing to the relief of Kimberley.

The Boers were encountered in strength at Belmont, a small town about 100 miles North of De Aar Junction, and sixty miles from Kimberley.

The result was a complete victory for the British force, but the Boer position was not carried without heavy losses.

On the British side, sixty officers and men were killed, and one hundred and fifty wounded. Twenty men are missing.

The enemy's loss is unknown. Forty Boers were taken prisoners, and part of the enemy's ammunition train was captured and destroyed.

The garrisons at Mafeking, Kimberley and Ladysmith are still holding out.

The Boers are reported to be still advancing between Ladysmith and Pietermaritzburg, which latter place is threatened.

[This message evidently refers to Lieut.-General Lord Methuen's 1st Infantry Division, which includes the Guard's Brigade (Major-General Sir H.E. Colville, commanding), the other Brigade (Major-General H. J. T. Hildyard's) having been sent to Natal to assist in the relief of Ladysmith. The Guard's Brigade is composed of the 3rd Grenadier Guards, 1st Coldstream Guards, 2nd Coldstream Guards, and 1st Scots Guards. The column has made rapid progress from the concentrating point at De Aar, and has now entered upon the relief of Kimberley, where Colonel Kekewich, with a portion of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment and a small body of irregulars, has made a gallant defence against almost overwhelming odds.

On the 4th inst.—as we were informed by Special Telegram on the 13th inst.—the Boer Commandant demanded the immediate surrender of the town, otherwise it would be shelled at the expiration of forty-eight hours. Colonel Kekewich then replied acknowledging receipt of the ultimatum, but, like the gallant soldier he is, invited the Boer Commandant to occupy the town as an operation of war. As Mr Cecil Rhodes, the head and front of our offending in the eyes of the Boers, is known to be at Kimberley, it may be assumed that the enemy has made a desperate effort to occupy the place 'as an operation of war.' It is satisfactory to know that down to the receipt of the latest despatches, they have found Kimberley, like Mafeking and Ladysmith, a hard nut to crack. The town has been closely invested for several weeks, it has been impossible to throw further reinforcements into the place; and it is to be hoped Lord Methuen will be able to get up in time to prevent a humiliating surrender, such as marred the brave conduct of the defence in Natal. With Kimberley relieved, the next effort on the Western side of the scene of operations will be to relieve Colonel Baden-Powell at Mafeking; but as the main interest centres in Natal, where General Joubert in person leads the combined Boer armies, the public will wait eagerly for the first news of substantial victory in that quarter. The next few days should bring a heavy budget of news from the seat of war. That it will be good news we may confidently predict.—ED., *C.M.*]

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, November 22, 1899.

THE WAR.

A large force of Boers control the railway between Estcourt and Mooi river, and there has been no communication with Estcourt since noon on Tuesday.

The accounts from North Cape Colony are conflicting, but it is tolerably certain that a considerable number of Dutch Colonists have joined the enemy.

British troops have reoccupied Naauwpoort.

The Boer forces besieging Kimberley have been reinforced, and the Boer trenches at Mafeking are daily getting closer.

LATER.

The defences of Portsehub are being overhauled and modernized.

The British force in Natal is now, approximately, 24,000, including about 9,500 at Ladysmith.

The Boers have formally established administrations in all the towns they have occupied.

Generals Clery and Gatacre have issued notices warning waverers against the consequences of disloyalty.

THE MILITARY TRAGEDY.

ENQUIRY AT THE MAGISTRACY.

At the Magistracy this afternoon, Mr H. H. J. Gompertz, Acting Police Magistrate, held an enquiry into the death of Private Jordan, of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, whose body was found cast up on the beach near the Naval Yard on Saturday morning. Major Riley, R.A.M.C., Major Morris and Major Sir Horace McMahon occupied seats on the bench. Several privates of the regiment were called who had seen the deceased on the evening of 14th November, when he was reported missing. Two privates who had been with deceased in the Canteen at Murray Barracks, said that during the time he was there they consumed four quart pots of beer between the three of them. When deceased left about nine o'clock he staggered a little. He said he was going to town. Deceased was seen at the clock tower at 10.20 p.m., and at about 11.20 p.m. two military police saw him leave the Praya East Hotel, and proceed along in the direction of Blue Buildings. He appeared to be sober at that time. P. C. Laycock said that at half-past seven o'clock on Saturday morning he discovered the body of the deceased on the foreshore at the rear of the Naval Yard. The body was removed to the mortuary. Dr Atkinson said he examined the body at the mortuary. He was of opinion that syncope was probably the cause of death. There was a wound on the right temple and a fracture on the posterior part of the base of the skull on the left side. There was also a bruise of the tissues of the scalp on the left side of the back of the head corresponding to the position of the fracture and wound on the skull. He could not say if death occurred before or after he went into the water. The wound on the right temple might have been caused by fish eating the skin after death. Syncope, which was probably the cause of death, could have been caused by the fracture. A blow would cause such a wound or it might have been caused by a fall. When admitted to the mortuary the body was said to be that of Private Jones. It was a rather difficult matter to identify a body with the features so much swollen. The appearances of the body were such as to lead the witness to believe that death was not due to drowning. Mr Bryant and Sergeant Williamson, R.A.M.C., both employed in the *Mersey*, who identified the body as that of Jones, said they had known Private Jones for a short period. Two privates of the name of Thomas who were detailed to coffin the deceased said they knew Jones and Jordan well and identified the deceased by the colour of his hair and lower part of the face also by the number on his boots and uniform.—Dr Atkinson said on 22nd November he examined the body of a male adult which looked as if it had been in the water for at least two weeks. The skin and all the tissues were off and the skull was exposed. The body was so decomposed that it was impossible to state what was the cause of death. Some of the skin was left of the right forearm and there was a tatoo mark on it. The body was identified in his presence by three men of the regiment. The body was that of Private Jones. Police Sergeant Gourlay said that at 8.30 p.m. on 21st inst. the body of a soldier was brought to the Tsimshatsui Police Station. The body was picked up about 200 yards east from Kellet's Island by the police pinnace, and towed in a sling. Witness searched the body. Twenty-seven cents were found in his pocket. Witness took the body to the mortuary. Next morning he went to the mortuary and the body was identified as being that of Jones by three privates of the regiment by the tatoo mark on the arm. Witness noticed when he examined the body that the boots were laced and tied. When going on board the *Meanee* at night the military police were required to untie their boots at the bottom of the ladder and ascend to the deck in their stocking soles. Deceased was supposed to have sat down at the bottom of the ladder: his cap and stick were found there. P. C. Copland said he was on duty on the Praya on the night of the 16th November. Private Jones passed him at Queen's Buildings going in the direction of Murray Wharf. Leung Pun, owner of sampan 2523, said on the evening of the 16th, a little after eleven o'clock, a warrant officer and a soldier engaged his sampan at Murray Wharf. He put the warrant officer on the *Tamar* and the soldier on the *Meanee*. He received his fare and then sailed away.

(Enquiry Proceeding.)

QUEEN WILHELMINA AND THE BOERS.

The following letter appears in the *N.-C. Daily News*:—Sir,—Among the delayed telegrams now appearing in the local press there is one dated The Hague, 25th October, which states that:—

'Queen Wilhelmina of Holland has given three thousand guilders for the benefit of the Transvaal combatants.'

This bald statement taken by itself may possibly lead some of your readers to believe that Her Majesty has contributed to the Boer war chest.

It is, however, far more probable that the contribution has been sent to the Red Cross Fund which is now being raised in Holland with a view to rendering aid to the wounded in this unhappy war, without regard to their nationality.

I would therefore venture to suggest that you might remind your readers of this fact.

We as Englishmen cannot forget that while for many years the relations between Holland and Great Britain have been of the friendliest nature, a climax was reached last year, at the time Her Majesty assumed the Government of her country, when such tender and sympathetic correspondence passed between those two women who, alone in the whole world in their own right, rule over their respective lands. I am, etc.,

ERNEST A. HEWITT.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met yesterday. H.E. Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., presided. There were present—H. E. Major-General Gascoigne, C.M.G.; Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary; Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police; Hon. R. D. Ormsby, Director of Public Works; Hon. A. M. Thomson, Acting Colonial Treasurer; Hon. R. Murray Ramsay, Harbour Master; Hons. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Ho Kai, T. H. Whitehead, E. R. Belilios, C.M.G., J. J. Keswick and Hon. Wei Yuk, and Mr R. F. Johnston, Acting Clerk of Councils.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table certain Reports from the Finance Committee.

STATEMENT OF POLICY BY THE GOVERNOR.

The report of the meeting of the Finance Committee on the previous day having been submitted for adoption,

His Excellency the Governor said—Before I put the motion I wish to mention to this honourable Council that I received a memorandum which was presented by the unofficial members and signed I believe by all with one exception, and as far as I can gather the exception was taken as to the degrees of necessity of the public works rather than as to the question of the advisability of carrying out a great number of those works. I wish to tell the Council that I have gone carefully over this memorandum, and I may say that I am as much in favour of carrying out these works as any member of this Council—(Hear hear.)—but I think it is well that the Council should understand clearly the position of the Government in this matter. The reason why these works have not been included in the Estimates is perfectly plain. We are restricted here by instructions (which have been rather frequent) to confining our Estimates to the amount of money which we have actually estimated as coming into the revenue for the year. The question as to what is to be done with the money which may remain over as a surplus is a matter which must go forward to the Secretary of State for his sanction and be laid before this Council for their sanction when we have the money in our hands. That is a very safe principle, I think, and what I propose to do. As the honourable members of the Council know, there has been a certain amount of discussion, which I have read carefully. There is no certainty in human affairs, but we have almost a certainty that we shall have a large balance at the end of the current year, and so soon as that balance is available we can deal with it. In the meantime we shall go on with those works that have been placed in the Estimates. We have already got your authority for these, and no doubt we shall have the sanction of the Secretary of State. As soon as we have that surplus, and before the money which has been voted has been expended, I hope to lay before you supplementary votes which will be necessary for the carrying on of those works. There is one question raised in this memorandum which I consider is rather an unfortunate one, inasmuch as it is a matter of principle. Section 4 of the memorandum reads:—'Whilst we are ready to concede that certain of the contemplated works in the New Territory may be defrayed out of the general revenue, we are most decidedly of opinion that the principal works for developing it should be provided for by a Loan. The public works in this island have been long deferred for want of funds, and now that they are available for proceeding with the most important of these works we feel bound to deprecate, in the strongest manner, any proposal to divert such funds to any other purpose whatever.' Now my instructions are very definite from the Secretary of State, and those instructions are that the revenue of the New Territory—which hon. members will remember has been acquired in consequence of the strong representations of the unofficial members of this Council, of the Chamber of Commerce, and of the Navy League—shall be a portion of the general revenue of the colony, and that being the case the necessary expenditure on the New Territory must come out of the general revenue of the colony. Apart from the fact that Her Majesty's Government do not consider that a loan is advisable for these works in the New Territory—and I may say at once that I concur entirely in the opinion of the Secretary of State—the fact remains that we have a sufficient amount of money for anything we want to do at present. There is a prime necessity in the New Territory. That prime necessity is a road to connect this place with the deep water at Mirs Bay. That road having been made and the police stations built or well in hand, I do not know that, with the exception possibly of the Kowloon Water Works, there are any other important works for which money will be required for the present. I know that it has been proposed that we shall make a number of roads, and I believe that in the future a number of roads will be made. Knowing a little more of the country than I did at first—at first it seemed to me necessary to have the road from Castle Peak at once—at a time when the rice crop is on the ground and when any of you gentlemen who are snipeshooters know how difficult it is to get over the country except along the divisions between the rice fields, then it would appear to be necessary. But now that the rice crop is off the ground the fields will be as hard as a billiard table, and therefore I think it is well to know what is necessary to be expended before we rush into expenditure too hastily. No doubt it will be necessary to connect these roads in the future, but I do not think any burning necessity exists at present except for that particular road to Mirs Bay, which will give us immediate command of the district. Police Stations of course are necessary. As you know, the amount of money required for the policing of the New Territory is a good deal in excess of what was estimated at the time Mr Lockhart first saw the country. We thought a very few police would be sufficient; now we know the condition of the country and that from time immemorial clan fights and armed robberies have been the order of the day. I admit that one of the works it will be necessary to go on with in the near future is the Kowloon Water Works. Then the question of a loan may be finally considered if we have not the money to go on with the work, but at the present moment we have plenty of money for the works we propose to take in hand. Then there is another question, a question of principle, and one which will have to be considered later. That is the question as to how far we are justified in the colony, in asking for public works which are not works of permanent utility, like waterworks or sanitary works, in considering the amount derived from premia on land sales as available for the purposes of general revenue. It must be admitted by all you gentlemen, who are business men, that in using this premia we are using the capital of the colony, and the question arises as to whether that premia or a certain portion of it should not be put into a reserve fund in view of less revenue from this source in the future. That is a matter which requires very careful consideration, especially at a time like the present when we derive a very large income from land sales. I am not at all sure that that large income is going to continue in years to come. This is one of those matters which will have to be considered here and also in London. With regard to the fifth paragraph in the memorandum, I am entirely in accord with it, and I think I may say the same with regard to the memorandum as a whole. I am as anxious as you that these works should be carried out. I see the honourable member for the Chamber of Commerce was anxious about a New Post Office, a shelter for chair coolies at the Peak, and public latrines. I entirely agree with him. It is my intention that a shelter for chair coolies at the Peak shall be put up next year; it is my intention that as many latrines as possible shall be built next year, because I think they are of cardinal importance; but that does not touch the general principle that in the estimates laid before us now we only feel justified in including the amount of money which will be covered by the estimated revenue for the year. I think honourable members will understand what I mean. I am anxious to go on with these works, and as soon as the money is actually in our hands I mean to ask for authority to go on with them and to lay supplementary estimates before you, as has been done from time to time. As regards the Law Courts, I think I mentioned in my opening speech to the Council that the Law Courts blocked the way for the Post Office, and in broad lines that is quite true. If you are to have a new Post Office built on the present site, a portion of which is occupied by the Law Courts, you cannot proceed to build that Post Office on its present site until you have made some arrangement for the accommodation of the Post Office during the building of the new premises. However, it is quite possible, I think, that there may be some arrangement made by which the Post Office might be improved a little, because I do think that in its present condition it is almost impossible to carry on the work of the colony in it. It is a discredit to the colony and it is impossible for the Postmaster to do his work in it properly. I have been considering the question with the Colonial Secretary, and I shall be very glad if any hon. member can make any suggestion which may possibly enable us to tide over the time during which the Law Courts will be building. I may say that the plans for the new Law Courts arrived by the last mail and they are now on the table, and I invite honourable gentlemen to look at them. I think they are sufficiently advanced to enable us to begin the foundations early next year. The Director of Public Works thinks it can be done. It will take over twelve months to get these foundations properly constructed. By the end of that time the details of the plans will be fully made out and we shall be able to go on with the work. I thought it was as well that you should know that in this matter I am entirely with you. I shall forward the memorandum to the Secretary of State.

The motion was carried.

THE EXPENDITURE OF THE 1893 LOAN.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table a return showing the expenditure of the 1893 loan, which had been asked for by the Hon. T. H. Whitehead.

The return was as follows:—

Loan works from 1892 to 30th September, 1899. Praya Reclamation $370,134.40, Praya Reclamation, Reconstruction of Piers $80,000, Central Market $222,729.59, Slaughter-Houses, Pig and Sheep Depôts $96,215.04, Cattle Depôts $15,049.61, Water and Drainage Works $752,817.92, Gaol Extension $150,361.65. Total, $1,702,388.21. Balance on 30th September, $89,363.73.

THE PLANS OF THE NEW LAW COURTS.

The Director of Public Works—With Your Excellency's permission I beg to lay on the table the plans of the proposed New Law Courts. The architects require some further information before completing certain architectural details, which information will be forwarded in due course. The general arrangement of the courts was approved by the Chief Justice and the other officials concerned some time ago. The original sketches were at your Excellency's suggestion submitted. Certain alterations and improvements were suggested by the officials who have to occupy the buildings, and these have all been attended to I think in a satisfactory manner by the architect. The ground plan has been approved, and consequently there is no reason why there should be any delay in proceeding with the foundations, which I think can be commenced early in the coming year.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING BILL.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the report of the Standing Law Committee on the Merchant Shipping Bill.

BILLS.

The following Bills were read a first time:—A Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to the carriage and possession of arms and ammunition. A Bill entitled The New Territory Land Court Ordinance, 1899.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer, the Bill entitled an Ordinance to make further provision for the sanitation of the colony and to repeal certain enactments of the Closed Houses and Insanitary Dwellings Ordinance, 1894, was read a third time and passed.

THE ESTIMATES.

The Estimates were then considered in Committee.

Mr Whitehead brought forward his motion that the vote for 'Public Works Extraordinary' be referred back to the Departments concerned for reconsideration and to be remodelled.

His Excellency ruled that the Committee having accepted the vote, the motion was not in order.

Mr Whitehead then moved that the words 'Post Office' be substituted for 'Law Courts' in the first item.

The amendment was lost.

Mr Whitehead then moved that the vote be reduced by $100 as an indication that he was not satisfied with the appropriation of the money as it stood, the money to be taken off the item New Law Courts.

This amendment also received no support.

Mr Whitehead then intimated he would lay on the table a statement of his reasons for dissenting.

The Estimates passed through Committee and were read a third time.

The Council then adjourned till Thursday next.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

Before leaving His Excellency the Governor said—I have sent round the Council table an advertisement which I propose to have inserted in the local press asking British residents to come together on Monday next at 12 o'clock for the purpose of considering more fully the question of making a collection for the widows and orphans of our soldiers and sailors who fall in the war. This movement has been inaugurated by the *China Mail*, with a patriotic promptitude that is greatly to be admired, but it was thought it would be better if the representative British inhabitants could be called together to make arrangements for the more complete canvassing of the British population, most of whom will no doubt be glad to contribute. I shall be glad to have the opportunity of seeing most of you on Monday at 12 o'clock.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee met under the chairmanship of the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart.

The Chairman said he had only one minute to bring before the committee that day, and that was one in which the Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $1,500 in aid of the vote 'Maintenance of Waterworks, Kowloon.' With regard to this vote, the Director of Public Works reported that the necessity arose partly through the large consumption of water due to the increase of population and industries at Kowloon and partly through the severe drought at the beginning of the year, when water had to be pumped from one of the valleys to the clear water reservoir at Yaumati.

The vote was agreed to.

HONGKONG BOAT CLUB.

A scratch race will take place on the Regatta Course, Kowloon, at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow, the 25th inst. Starting at Yau-ma-Ti. The following are the boats and crews:—

INSIDE POSITION.—No. 2 Boat.

A. A. Barrott, H.K.R.
C. T. Butsch.
J. A. Fredericks
J. D. Danby (stroke).

MIDDLE POSITION.—No. 3 Boat.

C. H. Gale.
Capt. Warren, R.A.
J. W. Cumming.
G. M. Young (stroke).

OUTSIDE POSITION.—No. 1 Boat.

E. A. Katsch.
C. R. Stevens.
A. Ellis.
R. F. Johnston (stroke).

Umpire and Starter—Col. Retallick, H.K.R. Judge—Mr W. Armstrong.

A launch will leave Pedder's Wharf at 2.15 p.m., and the Police Wharf, Tsim-Tsa-Tsui, immediately before the race.

INTERPORT RIFLE MATCH.

THE SHANGHAI SCORE.

The Shanghai team fired in the Interport Match on the 10th inst. Capt. Little captained the team, and the umpires were:—For Singapore, Lieut. Pearson, H.M.S. *Iphigenia*; for Hongkong, Mr H. J. H. Tripp; for Shanghai, Capt. Mackenzie. The following are the detailed scores:—

	200	500	600	Total.
Sergt. J. Macdonald	32	30	33	95
Corporal Wilson	33	32	30	95
Sergt. Bourke	32	31	30	93
Gunner Lynch	33	35	25	93
Pte. Dumfries	33	29	30	92
Gunner J.F.C. Macdonald	31	32	29	92
Insp. Collins	30	27	31	88
Capt. Little	28	34	26	88
Staff-Sergt.-Maj. Lowrie	34	28	19	81
Pte. Brand	31	28	11	70
	317	300	267	887

It is reported that there was a front 'fishtail' wind, and a bad light at 600 yards, which accounts for the breakdown of some of the men at that range.

WAR ITEMS.

THE BURIAL OF GENERAL SYMONS.

London, 30th October.—Later particulars of the interment of Major-General Sir W. Penn Symons in Dundee churchyard state that the deceased officer was buried without a coffin, the body being enshrouded in the Union Jack.

In informing General Sir G. S. White of the burial of Major-General Symons, General Joubert, the Boer Commander-in-chief, expressed the hope that 'the shameful war created by capitalists' would be speedily closed.

BOER BRAVERY.

Further details of the recent engagement at Elandslaagte show that when fire from the British guns became too hot for the enemy eight Boers bravely advanced to attract the fire of the Imperial Light Horse, so as to enable their comrades to change their position. Seven of the Boers were killed.

President Kruger has gone to the front at Glencoe.

CONSPICUOUS BRAVERY BY AN AUSTRALIAN.

Surgeon Buntine, an Australian, has been mentioned in General Sir G. S. White's despatches for conspicuous gallantry at the battle of Glencoe. Surgeon Buntine carried a wounded Natal Carabineer out of action under heavy fire.

BOER OUTRAGES AT DUNDEE.

London, October 29.—Three hundred Boers surrounded and shot the Dundee town guards, who offered no resistance. Several civilians were dragged from their houses and shot.

HOSPITAL SHIPS—AN AMERICAN FUND.

The cruisers *Tritan* and *Spartan* are detailed by the Admiralty as hospital ships.

Lady Randolph Churchill has initiated a fund in America to provide an England-America hospital ship.

Up to the present a sum of £30,000 has been subscribed.

LORD ROSEBERY IN DEFENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

London, 28th October.—The Earl of Rosebery spoke at Bath last night and made a brilliant defence of the Government's South African policy.

Lord Rosebery said that the Boers by their actions had rendered war inevitable. He urged the Empire to present a united front, trusting to the man at the helm to steer the ship of State clear of all dangers, and in making this appeal he referred to the dangers of Continental jealousies which always menaced Great Britain.

In conclusion, Lord Rosebery predicted that Liberal Imperialism would control the future destinies of the Empire.

A BOER VIEW OF THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS.

London, October 27.—The Boer prisoners confess that during the recent engagements they suffered most from the operations of the Gordon Highlanders, 'in their little clothes.'

They describe the Highlanders as 'half men, half women.'

THE GERMAN EMPEROR.

London October 31.—The Berlin newspapers interpret the telegram of the Emperor William to the Royal Dragoons, of which he is honorary colonel, wishing them a safe return, as being significant of Germany's dissociation from the advice of the French press that the powers should take steps to maintain the balance of power in South Africa inasmuch as to follow such advice would be detrimental to Germany's own interests. The French are despondent that the German Emperor should take up such an attitude on the eve of his interview with the Czar.

THE SPINSTER: 'I suppose you feel very sad when you think about your late husband?' THE WIDOW: 'Yes, but even a husband is better late than never.'

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship HAILOONG, Captain ROBSON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 25th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., *General Managers.*

Hongkong, November 23, 1899. 2534

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship HAICHING, Captain DAVIS, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 26th Inst., at Daylight.

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Hongkong, November 23, 1899. 2536

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FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship WHAMPOA, Captain GARRICK, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 26th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, November 23, 1899. 2531

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LD.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship MAIDZURU MARU, Captain T. OHARA, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 27th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, *Agents.*

Hongkong, November 21, 1899. 2514

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship MACHAON, Captain HANSAR, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 28th November.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, October 23, 1899. 2326

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, CEBU AND ILOILO.

THE Company's Steamship NANCHANG, Captain FINLAYSON, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 29th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, November 24, 1899. 2526

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship IDOMENEUS, Captain RILEY, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 12th December.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, November 16, 1899. 2499

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship AFGHANISTAN will be despatched for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to DODWELL & Co., Ld., *Agents.*

Hongkong, November 21, 1899. 2516

WEST RIVER SERVICE.

THE New Twin-Screw Steamers SAMSHUI, WUCHOW, Will be despatched alternately from Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.'s WHARF at 5 p.m. on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and FRIDAYS, for WUCHOW, Calling at KONGMOON, KAMCHUCK, SAMSHUI, SHIU HING and TAK HING.

Both Vessels have superior Accommodation for Saloon Passengers.

Fares, including Sleeping Berth & Meals,

Hongkong to Samshui, Single Fare $10.00
" " Return " 17.50
" to Wuchow, Single Fare 20.00
" " Return " 35.00

The attention of Passengers is drawn to the magnificent scenery on the West River. Arrangements can be made for the Steamers to stop at Saiu Hing to enable passengers to visit the celebrated "Marble Rocks and Caves."

For further information, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, October 16, 1899. 2283

RIGAUD'S White Violet EXTRACT

This fugative and delicate perfume is persistant as an Extract for the handkerchief while as a Soap and Powder, it has been adopted by the most refined French Society.

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10,000 White Violets equal each bottle of Rigaud's Extract

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Shipping.

Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship NINGPO, Captain PHILLIPS, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 25th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, November 23, 1899. 2523

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship YUENSANG, Captain P. H. ROLFE, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon.

This steamer has Accommodation for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., *General Managers.*

Hongkong, November 23, 1899. 2504

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHIMONOSEKI AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship CHINGTU, Captain WILLIAMS, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 27th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, November 22, 1899. 2411

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Thursday Island, Port Darwin and Queensland Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelaide, New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship AUSTRALIAN, Captain HELMS, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 8th December, at 4 p.m.

This well known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly-qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and *vice versa.*

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, November 23, 1899. 2530

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship CHINGTU, Captain WILLIAMS, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 20th Dec., at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S. S. Co. and *vice versa.*

For Passage or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, November 23, 1899. 2533

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship CHINGTU, Captain WILLIAMS, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 20th Dec., at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, November 23, 1899. 2532

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.'s NEW YORK LINE.

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship ASAMA, will be despatched for the above Port on or about 20th December.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, November 23, 1899. 2522

Sailing Vessels.

FOR PHILADELPHIA & NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 A. I. I. American Ship ST. MARK, Captain DODLEY, is ready to take Cargo here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.

FOR BALTIMORE AND NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 A. I. I. American Ship REUCE, Captain WHITMORE, is ready to take Cargo here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 I. I. I. American Barque ADOLPH OBRIG, Captain AMESBURY, having arrived, will shortly load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, November 10, 1899. 2407

Mails.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *BENGAL*, Captain S. BARCHAM, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 25th November, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, Nov. 11, 1899. 2464

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD Co.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, HONOLULU, and SAN FRANCISCO, UNITED STATES, MEXICO, the CENTRAL and SOUTH AMERICA, Etc.

S. S. *Lady Foicey*..... 3,194 Tons .....On 2nd December.
S. S. *Strathgyle*..... 5,023 Tons ....On 15th December.
S.S. *Carlisle City*...3,602 Tons.....About 31st December.

THE S. S. "*Lady Foicey*" will be despatched for SAN DIEGO, and NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA *Via* HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 2nd December.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 p.m. the day previous to Sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All Parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents,* HONGKONG, CHINA & JAPAN.

Hongkong, November 24, 1899. 2101

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;

ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON SATURDAY, the 2nd December, at Noon, the Co.'s S. S. *ANNAM*, Captain LE COISTELLIER, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES *via* BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the s. s. *Armand Behic*, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that Port on the 14th December, direct to SUEZ, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m.; Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 1st December. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, *Agent.*

Hongkong, November 20, 1899. 2520

Kinghorn & Macdonald,

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ICE MAKING.

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DONALD MACDONALD.

Hongkong, May 18, 1899. 1063

Mails.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES named:—

FOR.	STEAMSHIP.	CAPTAIN.	DATE.
LONDON, &c.....	*Bengal* †	S. BARCHAM	Noon, 25th Nov.
SHANGHAI.....	*Coromandel*	F. W. VIBERT, R.N.R.	About 25th Nov.
LONDON	*Malacca*.....	E. G. ANDREWS	About 30th Nov.
LONDON	*Japan*	G. K. WRIGHT, R.N.R.	About 14th Dec.

For Freight (only). † See Special Advertisement.

For Freight or passage, and further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, November 18, 1899. 2267

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG; PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT *SOUTHAMPTON* TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Sailing Dates.
KONIG ALBERT	WEDNESDAY, 13th December.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 27th December.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 10th January.
KARLSRUHE	WEDNESDAY, 24th January.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 7th February.
OLDENBURG	WEDNESDAY, 21st February.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 7th March.
STUTTGART	WEDNESDAY, 21st March.
KONIG ALBERT	WEDNESDAY, 4th April.
WEIMAR	WEDNESDAY, 18th April.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 2nd May.
HAMBURG...(Hamburg Amerika Linie) ...	WEDNESDAY, 16th May.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 30th May.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of December, 1899, at Noon, the Steamship KONIG ALBERT, of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain O. CHITTES, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 11th December, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 12th December, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 12th Dec.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., *Agents.*

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U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu), SATURDAY, Dec. 16, at Noon.

THE U. S. Steamship *CHINA* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 16th December, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail route from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of $4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, Nov. 23, 1899. 2194

Occidental and Oriental Steam-ship Co.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,

VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu), Thursday, Nov. 30, at Noon.
Doric (via Amoy, S'hai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu), Saturday, Dec., 23, at Noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu), Saturday, Jan. 20, at Noon, 1900.

THE Co.'s Steamship *GAELIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 30th Nov., at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passenger who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; all same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, November 14, 1899. 2413

Not Responsible for Debts.

NEITHER the Captain the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ADOLPH OBRIG, American barque, Capt. Amesbury.—STANDARD OIL Co.

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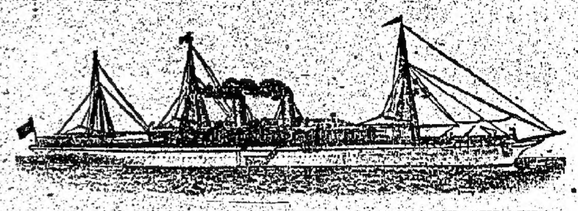

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SAFETY—SPEED—PUNCTUALITY.

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(*Subject to Alteration.*)

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. GEO. A. LEE, R.N.R. ... WEDNESDAY, 20th Dec./1899.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. ARCHIBALD, R.N.R. ... WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan./1900.
EMPRESS OF INDIA....Comdr. O. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 14th Feb./1900.

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.), in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

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The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for wine at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, etc., apply to D. E. BROWN, *General Agent,* PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, November 24, 1899. 2538

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD (FREIGHT SERVICE).

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE. (FREIGHT SERVICE).

Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANTE; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.	
S. S. *BAMBERG*, Capt. MAYAR,	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (London with transhipment in H'burg).	On 3rd December.	Freight.
* S. S. *KONIGSBERG*, Capt. CHRISTIANSEN,	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (L'don with transhipment in H'burg).	About 10th December.	Freight & Passage.
S. S. *AMBRIA*, Capt. BURMEISTER,	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (London with transhipment in H'burg).	About 2nd January.	Freight.
* S. S. *SARNIA*, Capt. FUCHS,	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (London with transhipment in H'burg.	About 10th January.	Freight & Passage.
* S. S. *SILESIA*, Capt. BEHRENS,	MARSEILLES, HAVRE and HAMBURG. L'don with transhipment in H'burg).	About 20th January.	Freight.

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers, and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For further Freight, Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, November 21, 1899. 1378

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.
FUTAMI MARU, J. THOM,	NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	SATURDAY, 25th Nov., at 4 p.m.
MIIKE MARU, S. KAWAMURO,	BOMBAY, Via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.	TUESDAY, 28th Nov., at Noon.
SANUKI MARU, W. TOWNSEND,	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 1st Dec., at Noon.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, Etc., apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

Y. S. MIHARA, *Manager.*

Hongkong, November 21, 1899. 1987

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Via Shanghai, Inland Sea of Japan, Kobe and Yokohama.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA IN CONNECTION WITH Northern Pacific Railway Co.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co.

Steamer.	Tons	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.	Steamer.	Tons	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
City of London	3220	R. W. Scarff.	Nov. 25	*Minnehaha*	2874	W. A. Evans	Dec. 23
Queen Adelaide	2832	E. McNair	Nov. 25	*Aberdeen*	3777	J. Murray	Jan. 27
St. Irene	3877	W. Attree	Dec. 9				
City of Dublin	3326	T. R. Rae	Dec. 20				

THE attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

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Excellent accommodation. First class Table. Doctor and Stewardess carried. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the First-Class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

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Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Alacrity	despatch vessel	1700	10	3000	Comdr. A. H. Smith-Dorrien	Hongkong
Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1400	Commander E. J. W. Slade	Hongkong
Aurora	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	3500	Captain E. H. Bayly	Nagasaki
Barfleur	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Hon. S. O. J. Colville, C.B.	Hongkong
Bonaventure	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. R. A. J. Montgomerie, C.B	Shanghai
Brisk	cruiser, 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Com. R. B. S. Wrey	Weihaiwei
Centurion*	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain J. R. Jellicoe	Hongkong
Daphne	sloop	1140	8	2000	Comd. C. W. Winnington-Ingram	Nagasaki
Endymion	cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	10,000	Capt. G. A. Callaghan	Hongkong
Esk	g.bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	3	200	Lt.-Com. C. Chadwick	Shanghai
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5700	Lieut.-Com. R. J. Keyes	Hongkong
Firebrand	gunboat, 2nd class	455	1	360		Hongkong
Hardy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000		Masampo
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Capt. R. S. D. Cumming	Singapore
Hermione	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. H. J. Davison	Hongkong
Humber	storeship	1640	—	1640	Capt. H. N. Dudding	Hongkong
Iphigenia	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Com. Wm. W. Smythe	Hongkong
Linnet	gun-vessel, 2nd class	756	2	870	Captain J. H. T. Burke	Yokohama
Orlando	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Lieut.-Com. J. G. Armstrong	Manila
Peacock	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. J. F. Green	Weihaiwei
Pigeny	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lt.-Com. C. Y. de M. Cowper	Hongkong
Plover	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lt.-Com. F. F. Haworth Booth	Hongkong
Redpole	gunboat	805	6	720	Lieut.-Comdr. H. C. Carr	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Comdr. Oldham	Yangtse River
Snipe	river gunboat	85	2	240		Hongkong
Swift	gun-vessel, 2nd class	756	2	870	Commodore Francis Powell	Hongkong
Tamar †	receiving ship	4650	—	—		West River
Tweed	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	Capt. A. C. Clarke	Manila
Undaunted	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Capt. A. Schomberg	Weihaiwei
Victorious	battleship, 1st class	14,900	16	12,000	Comdr. W. P. Dawson	Foochow
Waterwitch	Surveying ship	630	—	450	Lieut.-Com. E. Kelly	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	300	6	5000		Hongkong
Wivern	coastdefenceship, armoured	2750	4	1000	Lieut.-Com. H. D. S. Watson	Shanghai
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	550		Shanghai
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	550		Shanghai

* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour, K.C.B. † Flagship of Rear-Admiral C. S. P. Fitzgerald.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at
Presidente Sarmiento	Argentine training vessel	2850	—	—	Captain Betbeder	Manila
Kaiserin Elizabeth	Austrian cruiser	4000	23	—	Capt. Julius Beck von Wellstaedt	Singapore
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journe*	Saigon
D'Entrecasteaux	French flagship				Captain de Maroll	Kwongchauwan
Descartes	French cruiser	4000	14	8500	Capt. Philibert	Kwongchauwan
Eclaireur	French cruiser	1650	8	2050	Capt. Texier	Takw
Jean Bart	French cruiser	4500	—	—	Capt. Aublin	Nagasaki
Kersaint	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Capt. de la Motte du Tortail	Saigon
Léon	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Amet	Shanghai
Pascal	French cruiser	3988	14	8500	Captain Mobet	Kwongchauwan
Surprise	French gunboat	629	2	900	Captain de Plessix	Kwongchauwan
Vauban	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Blondel	Kwongchauwan
Deutschland	German ironclad	8000	—	8000	Captain Muller	Hongkong
Gefion	German cruiser	4100	10	9000	Captain Rollmann	Shanghai
Hansa	German cruiser	5900	30	10,000	Captain Pohl	Amoy
Hertha	German cruiser	6000	—	—	Capt. Usedom	Hongkong
Iltis	German gunboat	—	10	—	Commander W. Laris	Shanghai
Irene	German cruiser	4250	8	2930	Commander Obenheimer	Nagasaki
Kaiserin Augusta	German cruiser	6331	2	14,000	Captain Gillich	Shanghai
Carlo Alberto	Italian cruiser	6500	18	13,000	Capt. Roberto	Shanghai
Elba	Italian cruiser	2752	12	3500	Capt. Ceccani	Shanghai
Etna	Italian cruiser	3580	10	6983	Capt. Giovanni Cirrollo	Chefoo
Liguria	Italian cruiser	2300	—	—	Capt. Casella	Shanghai
Piemonte	Italian cruiser	2630	15	12,200	Capt. Giuliani	Singapore
Stromboli	Italian cruiser	3893	12	6131	Captain Constantino	Hongkong
Africa	Portuguese transport	1450	—	—	Capt. Vasco Carvalho	Macao
Liberal	Portuguese gunboat	400	3	400	Comdr. Cunha Lima	Hongkong
Admiral Kornfoloff	Russian cruiser	5500	16	9000	Captain Yakolleff	Nagasaki
Alcout	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Paremego	Vladivostock
Bobre	Russian sloop	950	2	1150	Captain Boisman	Port Arthur
Dimitry Donskoy	Russian sloop	8000	16	7000	Capt. Sharon	Nagasaki
Gaidamak	Russian cruiser	500	9	3500	Capt. Serebrennikoff	Nagasaki
Gremiastchy	Russian gunboat	1400	2	2000	Capt. Miklashevsky	Nagasaki
Koreetz	Russian gunboat	1200	9	2150	Captain Silinsin	Chemulpo
Mandshur	Russian sloop	1200	3	1400	Commander Kathaloff	Nagasaki
Navarin	Russian sloop	10,000	4	—	Captain Feniche	Nagasaki
Otvojny	Russian 2nd class battleship	1400	2	2000	Captain Copranoff	Port Arthur
Pamiat Azova	Russian gunboat	6000	15	8000	Captain Niedermilles	Vladivostock
Rossia	Russian cruiser	12,200	28	—	Captain Domojiroff	Nagasaki
Rurik	Russian flagship	10,933	23	13,250	Comdr. Haupt	Port Arthur
Silatch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Captain Barranoff	Port Arthur
Sisoi Veliky	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	14	8500	Captain Mollas	Nagasaki
Sivoutch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1120	Captain Sopbatin	Nagasaki
Vladimir Monamach	Russian armoured cruiser	6000	16	7000	Captain Prince Ouchtomsky	
Vsadnik	Russian gunboat	500	11	3500	Capt. Rogalia	Vladivostock
Zabijaka	Russian cruiser	1230	8	1194	Commander Komaroff	
Baltimore	U. S. cruiser	4413	10	10,000	Captain J. M. Forsythe	Manila
Bennington	U. S. gunboat	1710	6	3436	Commander E. D. Taussig	Manila
Callao	U. S. gunboat	137	1	250	Lieut. Benjamin Tappan	Manila
Castine	U. S. gunboat	1177	8	2199	Commander S. W. Very	Manila
Charleston	U. S. cruiser	3730	8	3600	Captain F. W. Pigman	Ashore
Concord	U. S. gunboat	1700	6	3400	Lieut.-Com. J. B. Briggs	Manila
Helena	U. S. gunboat	1397	8	1933	Captain E. K. Moore	Manila
Manila	U. S. gunboat	1057	2	750	Lieut.-Com. A. P. Nazro	Manila
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3990	6	3000	Commander J. McGowan	Manila
Monocacy	U. S. gunboat	1370	6	837	Comdr. G. A. Bicknell	Shanghai
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4083	4	6091	Comdr. F. W. Lenthe	Manila
Oregon	U. S. 1st class battleship	10,288	15	11,111	Captain G. F. F. Wilde	Manila
Petrel	U. S. gunboat	892	4	1095	Commander C. O. Cornwell	Manila
Princeton	U. S. gunboat	1000	6	800	Commander Harry Knox	Manila
Wheeling	U. S. gunboat	1004	6	1091	Commander W. T. Burwell	Manila
Yorktown	U. S. gunboat	1000	8	1803	Commander C. S. Sperry	Iloilo
Yosemite	U. S. cruiser	6175	10	5860	Captain G. E. Ide	Guam

LAND DIFFICULTIES AT WUCHANG.

The Wuchang correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News* wrote on the 6th inst.:—Once more the officials are acting in a very high-handed manner in trying to prevent foreigners from obtaining possession of land which they honestly bought and paid for. Earlier in the year a plot of land was bought by the Wesleyan Missionary Society. It originally belonged to a mandarin named Sung who built on it a large semi-foreign house for himself and his wives. During the Japanese war Sung fell into disgrace and the house was rented. A big fire took place and in a few hours the new house was a ruin. Last year the Viceroy talked of widening the streets and removing the small hucksters from the roads and making them carry on their trade in markets or public court-yards. Sung's plot was one of several others selected as suitable sites for such markets. Sung was dead but his son agreed to sell the plot to the Viceroy. Just about that time came the coup at Peking, and the Viceroy, for the time, became a Conservative and nothing more was said about markets. In consequence none of the plots referred to have been purchased by the government and young Sung looked out for another purchaser. This he found in the Wesleyan Missionary Society, but before he sold, he made repeated attempts to ascertain if the Viceroy were still willing to purchase. As he could obtain no reply the land was sold to the W.M.S. In the ordinary course the deeds were sent to the local magistrate to be sealed. There they remained for about three or four months, then and only then, when pressure was brought to bear to hasten the sealing, the excuse was made that the land was needed by the government. The English Consul has taken the matter firmly in hand, but so far no satisfactory conclusion has been arrived at. The Chinese officials however are acting in a very high-handed and illegal way. Although the land is certainly not theirs, they never having paid a cash to buy it, they have forcibly taken possession and insisted upon the tenants on the plot paying their rents over to a public office, and this in spite of the protest of the Consul against any such steps being taken whilst the case was *sub judice*. The local magistrate is a notable anti-foreign official, and has more than once succeeded in causing anti-foreign trouble. In connection with this case he has stated that he will not, on any consideration, seal the deeds of any land sold to foreigners.

TRAFALGAR DAY PREPARATIONS.

A CONTRIBUTION FROM HONGKONG.

The preparations for the decoration of the Nelson column on the Trafalgar anniversary, which occurs on Saturday, have called forth an unusual amount of interest, and large crowds have watched the work from its commencement. An occasional patriotic cry gives token of the spirit of the times, but nothing in the form of a demonstration has yet taken place. The decorations will be on a more elaborate scale than in previous years, and to the spectators this fact is doubtless coupled with the topic of the hour as cause and effect. The Navy League, however, made its arrangements for the decoration of the column some time ago, and it is but by happy chance that they are to be on a larger scale than in previous years, and seemingly more patriotic. The contract for the work has been given to the Junior Army and Navy Stores. An innovation in the design is the introduction of electric light in the laurel leaf ornamentation. A huge laurel wreath, 160ft. in length, will be wound round the column four times from a laurel crown on its top, and will then branch off to the four corners of the plinth where the lions repose. Running parallel with this will be a string of electric lights, which again will be used in forming a frame along with the laurel leaves for the bas-reliefs on the base of the column. Further festoons will be hung from the base to the lions and from them crosswise. The plinth of the column will be carpeted with red baize, and on its top will be placed the usual gifts from the branches of the Navy League and others. A feature of those will be a model ship made entirely of flowers from the Hongkong branch. The model will represent the gunboat *Sandpiper* which is now patrolling the West River, China, where a great deal of piracy exists, and the object of the senders is two-fold, viz., to honour Nelson and to draw attention to the necessity for more gunboats to protect our commerce on the West River. Further features of the decorations this year will be the exhibition of Mr F. W. Lawson's picture of the boys of the *Arethusa* reading the Nelson tablet in St. Paul's, entitled 'The Lion's Cubs,' and the use of a searchlight on the figure of Nelson at night.

Three steeple-jacks are now busy on the work, and it may be of interest to state that a most efficient means has been found for them to make the various ascents and descents of the column. In addition to the customary ladder, a boatswain's chair on pulleys is being used. The ladder will be taken down as soon as these are fixed so that its presence will not disfigure the statue when the decorations are complete.—*Morning Post*, October 17.

Fighting and Football.

The Transvaal crisis is having a peculiar effect on Army football, the Army Service Corps having sent so many players out to Africa that the clubs have been compelled to abandon all competitions. Captain Ford, an old Sussex and Hampshire player, and secretary to the Army Football Association, is *en route* to the Cape, and many other prominent players have been ordered to the front. The first round for the Army Cup is down to be played this month, but it is feared that a dozen of the teams will not be able to participate owing to their members having been warned to be in readiness to proceed on active service. On Saturday afternoon, Oct. 7, a team of the Black Watch Regiment travelled from Perth to Pitlochry to take part in a football match with a local team, but shortly after their arrival a telegram was received from their commanding officer recalling the company by the first train, presumably in connection with the mobilisation movement, and in view of contingencies in South Africa.

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THE GLORY OF MAN

The crown and glory of manhood is strength—power. All human conquests have been won by it; individual and collective. The earliest sign of decay in man is not usually pain, but weakness of some kind—of mind or body, or both. This may be the inevitable sequence of advanced years, or it may, as we all know, show itself at any period of life. But it always means that the sources of strength are failing, as the lessening of the water in a river means a drying up of the springs and streams which feed it.

'I said 'sources' of strength, using the plural word. I should have said 'source' of strength, for in human beings there is but one. What is it? Perhaps the experience of Mr. David Jones will help us to an answer.

'In the summer of 1881,' he says, 'I began to feel ill and out of sorts. I was weak and tired, and quite worn out with little exertion. I had a poor appetite, and after eating had pain and weight at the chest. My secretions were scanty and thick. My back felt stiff, and gave me much pain as I moved about. For three years I suffered like this, being at times better and then worse. I consulted a doctor, who gave me medicines and recommended Turkish baths; but I got no better for any kind of treatment.

'My brother then told me about Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, but I had no faith in advertised medicines. He, however, urged me to take it, and after taking a few doses I experienced so much relief that I continued with it, and was soon *strong and well as ever*. Since that time I take a dose of this remedy when I feel at all ailing, and it sets me right. I have praised Mother Seigel's Syrup to all my friends, many of whom have tried it and been benefited by it. You can publish this statement as you like. (Signed) David Jones, 1, Dunlace Street, Walton, Liverpool, July 31st, 1896.'

We have room for one more short letter before we try to come at the answer to the question with which we set out. It is exactly in the same line, and ought to make the results of our inquiry all the more clear and plain.

'In the spring of 1889,' proceeds the writer, 'my health began to fail me. I felt languid and heavy, as if something had come over me. I had a bad taste in the mouth, my appetite was poor, and the little food I took gave me pain across the chest and between the shoulders. My food lay like lead on my stomach. I was constantly spitting up a thick phlegm, and when in bed *heavy sweats came over me*. I got weaker and weaker, and from time to time was confined to bed. Often I was so bad I could not dress or undress myself.

'Now better, now worse, but never well, I suffered for over five years. I took different kinds of medicines, and had a doctor, but got no real benefit from anything.

'In July, 1893, a book was left at my house in which I read of cases like mine having been cured by Mother Seigel's Syrup. I got a bottle from the International Sea Company, Yeovil, and began taking it. In a short time I felt much benefit, and, by continuing with it, *gained strength*. I could eat better, food agreed with me, and by-and-by I was *strong and well*. But for Mother Seigel's Syrup I believe I should not now be alive. You are at liberty to publish this statement. (Signed) (Mrs.) Jane Crouch, 82, Huish, Yeovil, November 20th, 1895.'

What, then, do these cases show to be the *source of strength?* The answer is, *Digested Food*. That and nothing else. All strength, of body or of mind, comes from that, and that only. What, then, is the great enemy of strength, the fountain of weakness? Indigestion—dyspepsia. You see why and how. A child could not miss the argument. What, then, restores strength? Mother Seigel's Syrup. In what way? By setting the digestive machinery in healthy operation. That is what it did for our correspondents and does daily for multitudes. Use it if you need it, and pass the news to other weak ones.

'JUST LOOK, AUNT MARY,' shouted blue-eyed Mabel as she pointed out of the cabin window on the first morning out—'just look at the water; it is all covered with flounces!'

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YOUNG WIFE: 'I got a beautiful parchment diploma from the cookery school to-day—and I cooked this for you. Now guess what it is?' Husband (with a slab of omelette between his teeth): 'The diploma?'

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MY Wife has been using Chamberlain's Pain Balm, with good results, for a lame shoulder that has pained her continually for nine years. We have tried all kinds of medicines and doctors without receiving any benefit from any of them. One day we saw an advertisement of this medicine and thought of trying it, which we did with the best of satisfaction. She has used only one bottle and her shoulder is almost well.—ADOLPH L. MILLETT, Manchester, N. H. For sale by All Dealers, Watkins & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong Tides.

The Tide Table given below has been compiled by the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-8-9.

The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. 7 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 9 in. to the height given in the table.

25th Nov. to 1st December.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
		h m	ft. in.	h m	ft. in.
Sat.	25	m 0 16	4 1	m 8 44	0 3
		5 10 a	2 10	7 18 a	2 9
Sun.	26	m 1 10	3 7	m 9 36	0 5
		5 33 a	3 1	10 19 a	2 7
Mon.	27	m 2 45	3 1	m 10 25	0 8
		5 39 a	3 5	11 42 a	2 1
Tues.	28	m 4 22	2 10	m 11 8	0 10
		6 51 a	3 10		
Wed.	29	m 5 50	3 3	m 0 30	1 5
		6 5 a	4 4	m 11 49	0 11
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Futami Maru	4 c	Thom	Japan. str.	2334	Nov. 23	Nippon Yusen Kaisha		
Gaelic	4 c	Finch	British str.	2691	Nov. 22	P. & O. S. S. Co.	Swatow & Foochow	Nov. 26.
Haiching	5 h	Davis	British str.	1267	Nov. 24	Douglas Steamship Co	Swatow and Tamsui	Nov. 25.
Hailoong	5 h	Robson	British str.	783	Nov. 21	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Haitan	5 h	Roach	British str.	1183	Nov. 19	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Hanoi	3 c	Pannier	French str.	739	Nov. 23	A. R. Marty		
Hinsang	4 c	Crookett	British str.	1514	Nov. 21	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Hohenzollern	kw	Kirchner	Ger. str.	2039	Nov. 6	Melchers & Co.	Haiphong	Nov. 25.
Hongkong	3 c	Bastian	French str.	738	Nov. 22	A. R. Marty		
Khalif	3 c	Nash	British str.	2219	Nov. 23	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Kwang Lee	3 c	Lincoln	Chi. str.	1505	Nov. 21	C. M. S. N. Co.	Manila	Nov. 28.
Nachang	3 c	Findlayson	British str.	1062	Nov. 15	Butterfield & Swire		
Pakshan	3 c	Jenkins	British str.	1235	Nov. 20	Bradley & Co.		
Phra Chom Klao	3 c	Fowler	British str.	1011	Nov. 17	Yuen Fat Hong		
Progress	3 c	Gunderson	Russian s.s.	542	Nov. 20	Harling, B. & Monzell		
Pronoitis	3 c	Crawford	British str.	1390	Nov. 2	Houng Sing S. S. Co.		
Prosper	2 c	Thorstensen	Norw. str.	789	Nov. 24	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.		
Rohilla	5 c	Lockyer	British str.	2216	Nov. 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	Nov. 25.
Sindaku	1 c	Muhle	British str.	1374	Nov. 18	Melchers & Co.		
Swatow	3 c	Jesporsen	Ger. str.	631	Nov. 22	Siemssen & Co.		
Tategami Maru	6 c	Tornco	Japan. str.	1658	Nov. 23	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha		
Undaunted	2 c	Elcoate	British str.	2082	Nov. 9	Order	Manila	Nov. 27.
Yuensang	4 c	Rolfe	British str.	1128	Nov. 23	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Sailing Vessels.								
Adolph Obrig	3 c	Amesbury	Amer. bqe.	1302	Oct. 17	Standard Oil Co.		
Lothair	3 h	Luranga	Ital. bqe.	759	Oct. 1	Order		
Mary L. Cushing	2 k	Pendleton	Amer. sh.	1540	Oct. 1	Order		
Rouce	k w	Whitmore	Amer. sh.	1823	Oct. 4	Standard Oil Co.		
St. Mark	2 k	Dudley	Amer. sh.	2120	Nov. 7	Order		
Smila	k	Huestes	B. 4-m. bk	2087	Aug. 25	Order	.....	K'loon Dock
State of Maine	k	Colcord	Amer. sh	1500	Oct. 9	Standard Oil Co.		
Wanath	7 c	Haynes	Brit. sch.	52	Sept. 23	F. W. Hall.		
West York	5 c	Forster	Brit. bqe.	706	Nov. 9	Order		
Wm. H. Conner	2 c	Erskine	Amer. sh.	1421	Oct. 14	Standard Oil Co.		

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WEEK DAYS.
7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.....Every quarter of an hour.
8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.....Every ten minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.....Every quarter of an hour.
11.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.....Every quarter of an hour.
3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.....Every quarter of an hour.
6.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.....Every ten minutes.
Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.
SATURDAYS.
Extra cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.
SUNDAYS.
8.15 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.....Every half hour.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.....Every ten minutes.
Noon to 2 p.m.....Every quarter of an hour.
2.45 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.....Every quarter of an hour.
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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.—NOVEMBER 24, 1899.

(CORRECTED UP TO 1 P.M.)

Stocks.	No. of Shares	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp	80,000	$ 125	all	349 % prem = $561.25
Bank of China & Japan, Limited preference shares	199,870	£ 5	£ 4	London £62. £1.0.0
" ordinary "	1,250	£ 12	£ 12	£25.5
" deferred "	...	£ 10	£ 8	$20, buyers.
National Bank of China, Limited				
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$132½
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld.	24,000	$ 83.33	$ 25	$59, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	Tls. 200
Straits Insurance Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 100	$ 20	$3
Union Insurance Society, Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$242, buyers
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld	8,000	$ 100	$ 60	$121
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 100	$ 20	$87, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	8,000	$ 250	$ 50	$327½
DOCKS.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	12,500	$ 125	all	525 % prem. = $781.25, buyers
STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$90, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,00	$ 50	all	$47½, sellers
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 15	$ 15	$29½, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£ 10	all	$82
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000	£ 10	£ 10	£10, buyers
			£ 10	£7 "
Do. (new issue)	20,000	£ 10	£ 7	£4 "
Star Ferry Company, Ld.	10,000	$ 10	$ 10	$24½, ex call
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	$ 100	all	$120, buyers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	$ 10	all	$47, sellers
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	$ 5	all	$87
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,000	$ 10	$ 3½	$45, buyers
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$ 10	$ 5	$111
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	$ 50	$ 3	$28, sellers
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co.	37,000	$ 1	all	$10, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	$ 5	$ 5	$30, sellers
TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250	$ 100	all	$147½, buyers
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld.	40,000	$ 5	all	$13.15
New Punjom Mining Co., Ld.	60,000	$ 6	all	$9, sellers
	30,000	$ 1	all	$1.50
Preference shares				
Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ld.	86,000	$ 5	$ 5	$1, buyers
Great Eastern & Caledonian preference shares	70,000	$ 1	$ 1	50 cents
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Frs. 25	all	$300, buyers
	400,000	25 cents	25 cts	40 cents
Queen's Mine, Limited,	200,000	£ 1	14/10	$32
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	115,000	$ 5	$ 3	$9
Olivera Freehold Mines, Ltd.	345,000	$ 5	$ 4	$6.75, buyers
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	$ 50	all	$122½, sellers
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	30,000	$ 10	all	$16.15, buyers
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£ 10	all	$127
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	$ 15	$ 10	$10½
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 100	$ 10	$28½, sellers
MISCELLANEOUS				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld	10,000	£ 1	£ 15/	nom.
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited.	1,200	$ 10	all	$14, buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	6,000	$ 25	$ 2	$42½
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld.	600	$ 50	all	$20
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	$ 7½	$ 5	$55
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$ 25	all	$125
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$190
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	10,000	$ 100	$ 100	$56, sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	17,500	Tls. 100	Tls 10.	Tls. 68
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 10	Tls. 70
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls 10.	Tls. 77½, sellers
	2,000	$ 25	$ 2	$8
Carmichael & Co., Ld.	2,000	Tls. 50	Tls 500	Tls. 351
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 20	$ 10	$20½
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Ld.				

* Fowler's shares

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1831 4½%	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 200	7 % p. annum	10 % prem.

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